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FreeMind - free mind mapping software

FreeMind is a premier free mind-mapping (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mind_map) software written in Java. The recent development has hopefully turned it into high productivity tool. We are proud the operation and navigation of FreeMind is faster than that of MindManager because of one-click "fold / unfold" and "follow link" operations.

So you want to **write** a completely new **metaphysics**? Why don't you use FreeMind? You have at hand that remarkably resembles the tray slips of Robert Pirsig, described in his sequel to Zen: the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance called Lila. Do you want to **refactor** your **essays** in a similar way you would refactor software? Or do you want to keep personal **knowledge base**, which is easy to manage? Why don't you try FreeMind? Do you want to **prioritize**, **know** where you are, where you've been and **where you are heading**, as Stephen Covey would advise you? Have you tried FreeMind to keep track of all the things that are needed for that?

Did FreeMind make you angry? Write a complaint (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=320014).

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Project news

New Test Version FreeMind 0.9.0 beta15

available (http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=7118&package_id=188772 Nov 2007). For the overview of new features, see the wiki page dedicated to the new version.

New: You can publish your Mind Maps using this Wiki A new extension of this Wiki allow uploading and embedding of FreeMind Mind Maps in this Wiki. Read how to do it and create your page in the Mind Map Gallery

FreeMind is the Project of the Month February 2006 (POTM) at SourceForge. See the Project of the Month (<http://sourceforge.net/potm/potm-2006-02.php>).

FreeMind 0.8.0 has been released on 6.9.2005. See the announcement (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=494979) or overview of new features (http://freemind.sourceforge.net/docs/features/0_8_0/Features%200.8.0.html).

Running

The version 0.8.0 of FreeMind released in 2005 does not work with Java 6; please use Java 1.4. Java 5.

To run FreeMind, do one of the following.

- in Windows, double click **Freemind.exe**, or
- on any operating system, double click **freemind.jar** in the `lib/` folder of the folder in w FreeMind has been installed.

Getting a taste of FreeMind

You can view maps created with FreeMind **now**, the only thing you need is Java 1.4 installed; ju click one of the following links:

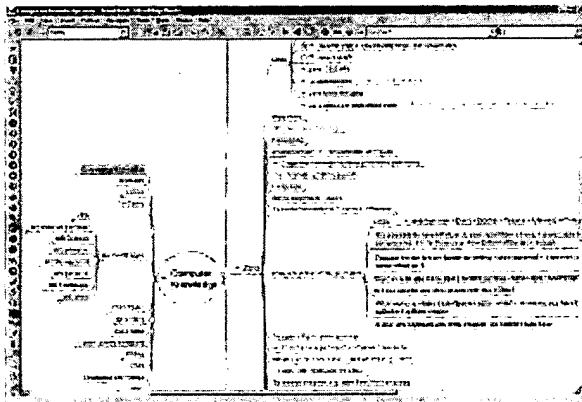
- FreeMind documentation as a mind map (using a java applet with around 700 KB)
- Daniel's public map (<http://freemind.sourceforge.net/PublicMaps.html>) (some bookmarks remarks)

If you wonder how the maps exported by FreeMind into HTML look like, follow:

- Daniel's public map (HTML) (<http://freemind.sourceforge.net/PublicMaps-exported.html>) (some bookmarks and remarks)

Screenshots

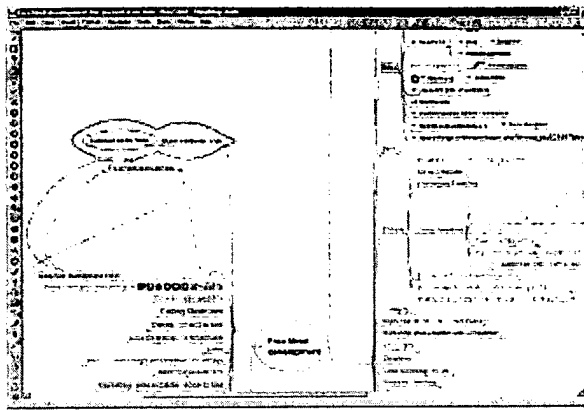
See more in Screenshots.



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Uses of FreeMind

Current users of FreeMind use it for the following purposes:

- **Keeping track of projects**, including subtasks, state of subtasks and time recording
- **Project workplace**, including links to necessary files, executables, source of information of course information
- Workplace for **internet research** using Google and other sources
- Keeping a collection of small or middle sized **notes** with links on some area which expand needed. Such a collection of notes is sometimes called **knowledge base**.
- **Essay writing and brainstorming**, using colors to show which essays are open, complete not yet started etc, using size of nodes to indicate size of essays. I don't have one map for essay, I have one map for all essays. I move parts of some essays to other when it seems appropriate.
- Keeping a **small database** of something with **structure** that is either **very dynamic** or **not known in advance**. The main disadvantage of such approach when compared to traditional database applications are poor query possibilities, but I use it that way anyway - contacts, recipes, medical records etc. You learn about the structure from the additional data items enter. For example, different medical records use different structure and you do not have analyze all the possible structures before you enter the first medical record.
- Commented **internet favorites** or **bookmarks**, with colors and fonts having the meaning want.

Features

Apart from other things, this release of FreeMind features:

- Fully functional **following of HTML links** stored in the nodes, be it www links or links to local files.
- From very early versions, FreeMind supports **folding** which is its essential property.
- **Fast one-click navigation**, including folding / unfolding on one click and following links one click at the same time (you don't have to make choice between fast following of links fast fold/unfold). You can move the map by dragging the map's background as well as using mouse wheel.
- **Undo**
- **Smart Drag'n Drop**, including the possibility to copy nodes or copy style of nodes; drag and dropping of multiple selected nodes; dropping of texts or list of files from outside
- **Smart copying and pasting into**, including pasting of links from HTML or structuring them

pasted content on the basis of the number of leading spaces in a line; pasting of lists of se files

- **Smart copying and pasting from**, including plain text and RTF (MS Wordpad, MS Word, MS Outlook messages).
- **Export of map to HTML**, with folding (see example (<http://freemind.sourceforge.net/PublicMaps-exported.html>))
- **Find facility**, where found items are shown one by one as you do "find next", and the map unfolded only for the current item.
- Possibility to use and **edit long multiline nodes**; even with **newlines**
- Possibility to decorate nodes with **built-in icons**, colors and different fonts.
- **Low costs of risk of switching away** to another mind mapping tool, because FreeMind saves maps in **XML** format. If you have a lot of maps created by FreeMind and you want to switch to another program, writing a conversion program should be easy, especially if that program features Visual Basic scripting facility. Christoph Rissner describes in his article (http://krottmaier.cgv.tugraz.at/docs/seminar/sem2002_mindmaps.pdf) at IICM site (<http://krottmaier.cgv.tugraz.at/veranstaltungen/seminar/abgeschlossen.html>) his implementation (http://krottmaier.cgv.tugraz.at/docs/seminar/sem2002_mindmaps.tar.gz) data exchange between FreeMind and MindManager.
- File mode enables you to **browse the files on your computer**, seeing the folder structure **mind map**.
- See more details in Freemind development tree (<http://freemind.sourceforge.net/Freemind-development.html>)

Weak spots include:

- The support of **pictures** in nodes is in preliminary stage. When you want to carry a map around with you, you have to take care that you take the image files with you.
- FreeMind is basically **one user** application. Although users can in principle work on the same map, there is only **preliminary locking mechanism** to prevent conflicts, at the time, switched off by default.
- In **rare cases**, **following of HTML** links in the web browser **does not work** on some computers; the same holds for opening local files.
- **Limited support for fancy graphics**.

License

FreeMind is a free software (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_Software), licenced under GPL - General Public License (<http://www.gnu.org/copyleft/gpl.html>). Basically, that means that you are allowed to use FreeMind to whatever you want without paying for that, and that any code derived from current FreeMind's code must also be licenced under GPL. FreeMind is also open source software (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source_software).

Get help from other users

Ask a question on FreeMind's Help (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=22102) forum. Also, consider looking at the collection of asked questions, using the search function of your browser. If you're unlike most of computer users, you may also consider reading the documentation accessible from the menu Help > Documentation; press Ctrl + F to search through the document. For *Linux* users, FreeMind on Linux page may be helpful.

Documentation

See detail in Documentation.

Documentation available includes the following.

- Mind map documentation: Application menu: *Help > Documentation*.
- Windows help-like documentation: Application menu: *Help > Help*.
- Printable documentenation in PDF (http://www.geocities.com/shaila_kishore/Freemind)

Alternatives to using FreeMind

See detail in Alternatives to FreeMind.

To achieve that which FreeMind offers, you can use variety of tools.

- *Free or freeware mind mapping program*, like Thinkgraph (<http://www.thinkgraph.com>), VYM - View Your Mind (<http://www.insilmaril.de/vym/>) or Kdissert (<http://freehackers.org/~tnagy/kdissert/>).
- *Commercial mind mapping program*, like MindManager (<http://www.mindjet.com/>), Inspiration (<http://www.inspiration.com/>), MindGenius (<http://www.mindgenius.com/>), V Mind (<http://www.visual-mind.com/>) or MindMapper (<http://www.mindmapperusa.com/>).
- *Note editor / reference manager / PIM - personal information manager*, like Key Note (<http://www.tranglos.com/free/keynote.html>) for Windows, and rich text note editor TuxCards (<http://www.tuxcards.de/>) for Linux.
- Text editor with *Outline mode*, like. MS Word (<http://www.microsoft.com/office/>), LyX (<http://www.lyx.org/>) or Emacs (<http://www.xemacs.org/>).
- Text editor with *Folding mode*, e.g. Emacs (<http://www.xemacs.org/>), Vim (<http://www.vim.org/>) or jEdit (<http://www.jedit.org/>).
- *Outliner* (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outliner>), like cross-platform Java outline editor (<http://outliner.sourceforge.net/>), MS Windows based Outliner (<http://hardware.de/index.cgi?site=products&action=outliner>), and Python-bas outliner Leo (<http://webpages.charter.net/edreamleo/front.html>) (Python Licence).
- *A concept map editor*, like multiplatform freeware CmapTools (<http://cmap.ihmc.us/>), GI GPL-licenced Conzilla (<http://www.conzilla.org/>) in Java, or freeware Compendium (<http://www.compendiuminstitute.org/>).
- *Presentation software*, like Microsoft PowerPoint (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_PowerPoint) or OpenOffice Impress (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenOffice.org Impress>), used for drawing *concep maps*.

Authors and contributors

See detail in Authors and contributors.

Several people have substantially contributed to the development of FreeMind, including the following.

- Jörg Müller
- Daniel Polansky
- Petr Novak
- Christian Foltin
- Dimitry Polivaev

Many other people have contributed.

Tools

FreeMind team used YourKit Java Profiler (<http://www.yourkit.com/>) to analyze memory consumption and performance issues.

Do you want to reward authors for their work?

Drop us a line saying that you like FreeMind. You can do it on our Thank you for the music (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=320015) forum - just start a new thread and click "Post comment"; it's really easy. We are always glad to read that someone finds FreeMind useful. This definitely increases our motivation. Also, we appreciate to read what attracts you or what you like about FreeMind, and what is your most important case of use of FreeMind.

Please, address any questions with problems to the Help (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=22102) forum.

Testimonials

What users say about FreeMind includes the following.

Rich, 14.4.2004: First off, congratulations on a truly awesome application with a fantastically intuitive interface... I thought I'd spend 10 minutes evaluating it but I had so much fun I ended up playing for hours - I even missed lunch!

Daniel, 1.2.2003: How do I know that FreeMind is a high productivity tool? The answer is I do. I am using FreeMind on daily basis and am very satisfied with the benefits it brings me. What I consider important is that when I use FreeMind, most of the time I don't have to ask myself "how do I do this thing in FreeMind", but I rather just do what I need without thinking about it. FreeMind makes my task of collecting, organizing and analyzing information on a given topic much easier.

James, 14.10.2002: Now, having tried out the new release, I can tell you: It's brilliant! Well done!

Henning, 21.11.2002: I recently started using FreeMind and I'm rather delighted. After getting to know it, it immediately became one of my every-day-use-tools.

Joe, 20.1.2003: I downloaded FreeMind several months ago and it has become a vital part of my activities. I am enormously grateful for the program.

Paul, 9.2.2003: What a splendid piece of work!

Tom, 13.2.2003: I appreciate version 6.1 very much. Having the DnD capability into and out of emails has now made FreeMind the source document for my management work. 6.1 is stable, simple and elegant in text, lines, and manipulation. I prefer such elegance to commercial versions because I have work to do, not time to make things look better. This is a superb complexity organizer.

I also use it at home to capture my martial arts learning as I head towards a black belt. I put in the basic movements and the katas or arranged groups of movements. I use that when I practice at home.

Perry, 10.4.2003: I have been using FreeMind for two or three months now, and find it totally indispensable! I simply can't say enough good things about how it has helped me get on top of a overwhelming workload. I've tried task managers and project managers ad-nauseam, and they are either too simplistic or too cumbersome.

See more of positive reactions on Thank you for the music (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=320015) forum.

Reviews

So you want to know what electronic press has to say about FreeMind? FreeMind has been reviewed in the following articles and blogs.

- Can open source software free your mind? (<http://software.newsforge.com/software/04/09/10/1946203.shtml?tid=79>), September 10th, 2004 (newsforge.com)
- Mind Mapping with FreeMind (Review) (<http://hyperreality.wordpress.com/2006/02/26/mapping-with-freemind-review/>), February 26th, 2006 (hyperreality.wordpress.com)

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